

NO. 5.

OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD Co.,

May 7, 1845.

SIR: The amount of transportation of coal and iron to Dam No. 6 hitherto has been so inconsiderable as scarcely to authorize a longer continuance of our preparations for its accommodation at the present rates, especially as arrangements already made and in progress for an extended trade in these and other articles to this city, and other points on the line of the road, are of much greater importance to the Company and to the public generally.

I have therefore to acquaint you, that until otherwise ordered, the rates for the transportation of coal from Cumberland to Dam No. 6 will be four cents per ton per mile, and for iron six cents per ton per mile.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

LOUIS McLANE, *President.*

J. M. COALE, Esq.,

President Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

NO. 6.

OFFICE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL Co.,

Frederick, May 9, 1845.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, informing me that, "until otherwise ordered, the rate for the transportation of coal from Cumberland to Dam No. 6 will be *four cents* per ton per mile, and for iron *six cents* per ton per mile."

Whether the reasons given in your letter are sufficient to authorize a departure from the arrangement entered into between the two companies in September, 1843, and whether the interests of the "public generally" will be subserved by the imposition of a *prohibitory tariff* between Cumberland and Dam No. 6, are questions upon which I think impartial men will differ with you.

I will, however, lay your letter before the Board of Directors of this company at their next meeting; and am, very respectfully your obedient servant,

J. M. COALE,

President Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

Hon. LOUIS McLANE,

President Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co.